

comprising a core portion that contains from 3% by weight or more to 15% by weight or less of a white pigment, and a sheath portion containing 2% by weight or less of a white pigment, and (2) a water-absorbent and water-diffusing fiber, wherein the composite fabric has a multi-layered structure of two layers or more, a top or surface layer thereof [is] being formed with a yarn composed of the synthetic fiber that contains from 1% by weight or more to 6% by weight or less of a white pigment and/or the core-sheath composite synthetic fiber comprising a core portion that contains from 3% by weight or more to 15% by weight or less of a white pigment, and a sheath portion containing 2% by weight or less of a white pigment, and at least one inner layer thereof, other than the top or surface layer, being formed with a yarn composed of the water-absorbent and water-diffusing fiber.

7. (Amended) The composite fabric of claim 3, wherein the water-absorbent and water-diffusing fiber is composed of a synthetic fiber containing 1% by weight or more of a white pigment.

8. (Amended) The composite fabric of claim 3, wherein an elastic fiber is mixed in at least one inner layer of the multi-layered structure.

9. (Amended) The composite fabric of claim 3, wherein the water-absorbent and water-diffusing fiber satisfies the following numerical values:

$$X \geq 1.6 \text{ and } Y \geq 3$$

wherein $X = a \times b/100$, wherein a = an apparent density = METSUKE (g/100·cm²)/thickness (mm) and b is a water-retention ratio (%), and $Y = c/a$, wherein c is a diffusion area (cm²).

FINNEGAN
HENDERSON
FARABOW
GARRETT &
DUNNER LLP

1300 I Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
202.408.4000
Fax 202.408.4400
www.finnegan.com